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FOWLER VS. CANNON

The telegraphic summary of Congressman Fowler's open letter to Senator Cannon, omitted one interesting feature. It relates to the Speaker's record upon the currency question as follows:

Upon the 14th of April, 1874, you voted for a bill which is described by Sherman in these words "It provides for an expansion of an irredeemable currency." When this bill passed the House, President Grant vetoed it. It was the so-called "Greenback bill."

January 17, 1875, the act for the redemption of specie payments passed the House by a vote of 139 to 107, but you did not vote for it.

On November 16, 1877, "you made a speech declaring that it was as much a crime to repeal the currency act as to make a false paper. You had much to say about 'gold repudiationists.'"

On November 23, 1877, you voted for the act which authorized the Secretary of the Treasury to dispose of United States bonds and cancel greenbacks.

On November 5, you voted for a bill for the redemption of silver (Bland bill), and on February 22, 1878, you voted against the veto of President Hayes.

On August 22, 1893, you voted against the repeal of the currency act, and you voted again against it, as amended, in the Senate, on November 1, 1893.

During the Jackson Park one evening, ten years ago, when I was in Chicago, or Indianapolis, I said to him: "Will you get no gold standard legislation under present conditions unless we get the Speaker to appoint a special committee from the House and the Senate to study the question of the gold standard and to report to Congress in the fall?"

These committees were appointed, and they reported. The report of the committee on the part of the House, although you did all in your power to prevent the adoption of the report, when it was made to the Republican caucus, you were defeated, and the Gold Standard Act of March 14, 1900, was the result of the suggestion made by me.

It appears from this citation of Mr. Cannon's record that in 1874 he was a "greenbacker"; that in 1877, he antagonized redemption in gold; that in 1878 he voted for silver remonetization; that in 1893, he twice voted against the gold of the silver purchase act, and that he practically antagonized the gold standard act of 1900. Yet he is now, with possibly two exceptions, President Taft and Senator Aldrich, the Republican leader who exercises the greatest power over the policies of the party.

But, if the signs do not err, the end of the present Congress will mark the close of his public career, unless the state of Illinois perpetrates the blunder of electing him to the Senate. Congressman Fowler predicts, this, as follows:

Finally, sir, as you are aware, we now have a government by edict, so completely have you absorbed and usurped all power, legislative as well as political. You have succeeded in maintaining the Empire of Representatives. But sir, unless I misjudge the intelligence, the independence, the pride, the self-respect, the patriotism and the present temper of the American people, you will be the last of the political Bourbons, and the conditions which make a Bourbon a Bourbon, you will make a Bourbon of you. The Empire will end with the Sixty-first Congress.

As a duty to myself, under the circumstances, as a duty to the great masses of financial and currency reform which is imperiled by your ignorance, your prejudice, your purposes, your egoism and your power, as a duty to the Republican party, and, above all, as a duty to my country, I have addressed this open letter to you.

local authorities.

In most of the cities and boroughs, the option of time-extension embodied in the last mentioned act will probably be exercised, and the closing time fixed as at present. The Christmas day closure would have been extended to Good Friday, had the General Assembly possessed the virtue of consistency. Limitation of the number of saloons will compel their owners to observance of the law, for licenses when forfeited cannot be regained until the total number of saloons falls below the limitation, and it will also tend to increase the value of the more reputable saloons. The requirement of the signatures of 10 per cent. of the registered voters in order to secure a vote upon the license question, is likely to check the tendency of prohibitionists toward too frequent hopeless tests of public sentiment.

GENERAL CONFERENCE

Of the Congregational Church of Connecticut at Torrington, November 8 and 9.

The general conference of the Congregational churches of Connecticut will be held at the Center church in Torrington, November 8 and 9. The pastor of this church, the Rev. Arthur W. Ackerman, was settled September 11, 1902. The church was founded in 1823 and the present place of worship was erected in 1867 at a cost of \$30,000. The church is out of debt and is one of the most prosperous in Litchfield county. It has a total membership of 655.

The general conference held its annual meeting last year in Rockville, the Rev. Dr. Charles E. McKinley's church at the same place. The marked interest, Thomas L. Norton of Lakeville was moderator. The standing committee, which will have charge of the Torrington meeting, consists of Colonel Charles E. Thompson, the Rev. Arthur W. Ackerman, the Rev. John C. Goddard of Salisbury and the Rev. Joel S. Ives of Hartford.

The Sunday observance and moral legislation committee, which was elected at the last meeting and which has been active in the legislature this session, was made up of Stanley W. Edwards, Judge Edgar M. Warner, Dr. J. C. Chidsey and Frederick G. Platt, laymen and the Rev. Messrs. Clarence H. Barber, H. H. Kealey, Theophilus H. Devitt, Benjamin W. Bacon and Gerald H. Beard of Bridgeport. The report of this committee will be one of the most important to be made at the meeting of the conference.

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Fairfield County News.

RAVAGES BY DEER.
 A Glenbrook farmer, upon being asked if his garden had suffered from deer, said: "It looks as though the deer damage may be very large this year throughout the entire State, the northern and eastern parts especially. An unusual large number of fawns, as many as five at one time, are often seen, accompanied by their mothers. If the State insists upon having farmers board these pretty but mischievous animals, it is surely only just for the farmers to present a board bill sufficient to at least cover the damage in money value. The disappointment which farmers feel when they are unable to enjoy any vegetable from their own raising is not so easily estimated and adjusted."

Appointed to Danbury.
 Rev. J. L. Sullivan, of Waterbury, has been appointed assistant to the Rev. J. D. Kennedy, pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Danbury.

His Back Broken.
 Bernard Melvin, a trackman employed by the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad, was seriously injured on Saturday evening by an accidental fall from a stoop in the rear of his home at Danbury. Physicians found that there was a dislocation and possibly a fracture of the spinal column. He may recover.

Severed His Thumb.
 While chopping wood in South Wilton, Wednesday, Charles H. Godfrey nearly severed his left thumb and cut to the bone the first finger. The thumb was stitched on by the physician.

Run Down by Auto.
 Thomas Doyle, while riding his wheel in Greenwich, Sunday, was run down by an auto. The driver, Harvey B. Titus of Stamford, was arrested. No bones were broken, but the boy is suffering considerably from shock.

Books Are All Clear.
 E. W. Kneen, collector of taxes, is quite elated over the fact that, for the first time in over twenty years, there are no back taxes due the town of Huntington. Eighty years ago there were over \$25,000 of due and uncollected taxes on the various rate books. Collector Kneen's first efforts were directed to wiping this large amount from the books. Not only has this been done, but the list of the collectible taxes of the intervening years has also been secured, and the several liens on property cleared from the books. To-day there is not a cent of back taxes unpaid, either poll, military or property.

Horse and Buggy Stolen.
 A horse and buggy were stolen Friday night from Wm. St. Bailey, of Ridgefield. The horse was a bay and the vehicle a one seated, open buggy.

Lex Was Broken.
 John Walker, a brakeman on the Ridgefield branch of the New York, New Haven & Hartford road, broke his right leg just above the ankle Monday morning as the result of a jump from a flat car. Mr. Walker, who weighs over 200 pounds, was riding on a flat car that was being switched. The car was about to bump into a box car and to avoid a possible accident he jumped.

Front Fork Snapped.
 Benjamin St. John, of Rowayton, a very enthusiastic motor-cyclist, met with injuries Saturday morning, which came near resulting fatally. As it was he was severely cut and bruised, and for a time his condition was considered serious. The fork of his machine broke off near the head, and Mr. St. John shot over the handle bars.

In Receiver's Hands.
 The Anatomical Footwear Co. of Shelton, was placed in the hands of a receiver, Friday. A thorough reorganization of the company will be made as soon as possible. The application for the receivership was made by directors of the company, who own a majority of the shares are held by Shelton people, and while a lack of sufficient capital has been one of the handicaps of the management, it is believed that the reorganization will result in a better interest in the business. Of the entire capital stock, a large majority of the shares are held by Shelton people, and while a lack of sufficient capital has been one of the handicaps of the management, it is believed that the reorganization will result in a better interest in the business. Of the entire capital stock, a large majority of the shares are held by Shelton people, and while a lack of sufficient capital has been one of the handicaps of the management, it is believed that the reorganization will result in a better interest in the business.

The excise measures which have become law this year include acts requiring 10 per cent. of the voters on the registry list to sign applications for the license question, as developed in the present General Assembly, is pro-corporation. The hopes of the people rest necessarily upon the Democratic party, and it should rise to the occasion and make a nomination which will appeal to the people's sense of what best befits the occasion. Saloonkeepers should be given great care, for it is in the caucuses and primaries that the corporations will endeavor to capture control of the State convention. "Opportunity is knocking vociferously upon the doors of the Democrats of Connecticut."

EDUCATIONAL BILLS

PASSED BY LEGISLATURE

Summary of Work Done at This Session to Improve School System of State

Will Be Two Trades Schools

When the commission on education had finished their work of investigation and had come to substantial agreements as to the needs of the Connecticut school system, at least two courses were open to them. They might present to the general assembly of 1909 an elaborate code, designed to sweep away all existing legislation, and to substitute a new and consistent body of school laws embodying the opinions of the commission; or they might introduce several bills aimed at specific evils or intended to introduce specific reforms. The former course was alluring, but the commissioners had lived in Connecticut for long time and concluded that the sweeping measure which they would have been glad to favor could not possibly be enacted, or accepted. Improvements are not brought about in that manner in our older and more conservative states. So separate bills were prepared, or accepted, and as was expected, have met with various fortunes in the two houses of the assembly.

It appears now, at the close of the session, that seven important bills have been passed, each of which will bring the school system of the State into closer conformity with the improvements are not brought about in that manner in our older and more conservative states. So separate bills were prepared, or accepted, and as was expected, have met with various fortunes in the two houses of the assembly.

1. The state board of education has been reorganized.
 2. The scope of territorial supervision has been enlarged, though not in the manner proposed by the commission. It is believed that this will help smaller schools, and in particular, that it will bring men into closer contact with schools in which the teaching is done exclusively by women.
 3. A defined scholastic standard has been established which all children under sixteen must attain before they can be released to undertake regular labor.

4. The number of towns eligible for the pecuniary assistance of the "average standard allowance grant" has been increased and provision has been made for distributing this money on a plan which seems fairer than the old one.
 5. An act, with accompanying appropriation, has been passed, intended to provide trained teachers for the small towns. This effected through the establishment of prize scholarships in the normal schools, the beneficiaries to be selected by the state board from small towns, and to be trained under an agreement that they shall teach not less than three years in the small towns.
 6. Two public trade schools are to be established forthwith by the state board in localities selected by that board. This undertaking is under observation by the whole country. Its success will mark a most important step in public education.

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Probably this bill was not wisely drawn. At all events, it has been opposed by those who are jealous of state control, and also by those who resent the necessity of recognizing the eligibility of all teachers now employed in the state. So the bill, though passed unanimously in the Senate, failed in the House. It has been tabled for reconsideration, but at this writing its prospects are said not to be encouraging.

Perhaps the town management system may help to remove some of the more glaring abuses of a method under which incompetent and uneducated teachers have been able to secure positions. Other bills, less important that have failed, are those providing for the pensioning of teachers, for closing schools in towns that have pupils and for state inspection of schoolhouses.

Altogether the educational campaign has been an active one. Good ought to come of it.

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NEW TOWN.
 Mrs. Alice Wildman has returned from a visit at Fairfield beach.

Miss Margaret Donohue of New York and Miss Augusta Campbell of New York are guests of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Keane Zoar.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Rogers of New Haven are guests of Mrs. Sarah Ferris Zoar.

Henry M. Smith enjoyed an over Sunday visit with his family at Fairfield beach.

Miss Anna Griffin and Miss Margaret Lyons of Mattawan, N. Y., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Crowe.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kilbride of Jersey City are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Houlihan.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Johnston and nephew Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson and family and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Merrill and children of Chicago who are guests of George Fairchild enjoyed an outing at Putnam Park, Redding, Monday.

Miss Mary Casey of Passaic is renewing old acquaintances and is a guest at Troy's Hotel, Sandy Hook.

W. O. Corning of Marblehead has been a guest of his nephew Frederick F. Briggs.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Smith are sojourning at Bethlehem, New Hampshire.

Frederick Leiss, Sr., and Matthew Mosler have enjoyed a few days visit in Bridgeport.

Mrs. S. F. Schermerhorn enjoyed a visit at Bridgeport Tuesday.

Miss Roberta Neville has entertained Miss Fannie Ely of Bridgeport.

Miss Anna Houlihan and Miss Alice Scudamore spent Monday in the Park City.

Miss Fannie Hawley of Bridgeport is the guest of Mrs. Frederick Briggs.

The new sidewalk fever is still prevalent and many fine walks are still being laid both in tar and concrete.

Herman H. Peck is laying a concrete walk at the residence of L. C. Morris.

The appearance of Trinity church has been greatly improved by the extending of the walk beyond the trees, which improvement has also been made on the property of A. F. Nettleton who is making fine alterations around his residence.

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